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1	A. Not within two days.	1 BY MS. FIELDS:
2	Q. Okay.	2 Q. All right, and you're still under oath, Mr. Short.
3	A. But I was contacting -- I remember contacting some	3 A. Um-hum.
4	people to look into that, and I think I went to the EEO. I'm	4 Q. Did you discuss your testimony with anyone while you
5	not sure.	5 were out -- Mr. Short?
6	Q. Okay. Did you --	6 A. No.
7	A. And --	7 Q. Okay. Now going to Defendant Exhibit Number 7, I
8	Q. Okay.	8 think I had asked you whether or not after you got the Record
9	A. And I don't -- I was instructed -- well, I don't	9 of Infraction and after June 26th, 2002, prior to the time of
10	know if it was someone in the EEO -- that I could appeal that.	10 your suspension, did you make any reply concerning this
11	I had -- this case was -- this was appealable because it was	11 Exhibit 7, Record of Infraction, to anyone in the Federal
12	not 30 days.	12 Protective Service, not EEO?
13	Q. Well, let's back up. Now you went to EEO. Did you	13 A. Okay. I think this has two days. Is this the one
14	--	14 that had two days to it?
15	A. Um-hum.	15 Q. There was -- you can look at page -- take your time.
16	Q. Did you respond to anybody in your chain of	16 A. The last page.
17	supervision at the Federal Protective Service concerning the	17 Q. Take your time.
18	first Record of Infraction, Exhibit Number 7?	18 A. If this is the one with two days, no, I didn't reply
19	MS. HARDNETT: Objection, asked and answered. I'd	19 to that because the time had went -- yeah, yeah, yeah, that's
20	also like to object -- we can step outside the room if you	20 the one.
21	want to. I'd like to object to the fact that --	21 Q. So Number 7 you did not reply to, is that correct?
22	MS. FIELDS: Okay. Ms. Hardnett, if he could just	22 A. No, no, no.
23	step outside.	23 Q. Okay. And --
24	MS. HARDNETT: Well, I want the record to reflect	24 A. And the four days either. I don't think I replied
25	that. Mr. Short, would you step outside the room, please, for	25 to that one either because the time had expired.
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1	a minute?	1 Q. And Defendant's Exhibit Number 8, you did not reply
2	WITNESS: Yeah.	2 to --
3	MS. FIELDS: Okay. You can step outside, please,	3 A. Right.
4	sir. Thank you. Thank you.	4 Q. -- anybody within the Federal Protective Service
5	MS. HARDNETT: I'd like the record to reflect,	5 concerning this Record of Infraction, is that correct?
6	number 1, that I'm objecting to this document, number 2, that	6 A. Because of the time, yeah.
7	on the document it says no statement at this time, that the	7 Q. Okay. Yes, you did not?
8	first page of the document is the only -- the page that	8 A. Right.
9	counsel has labeled number 1 is the only document that	9 Q. Okay.
10	contains and the only page that contains Mr. Short's	10 REPORTER: Number 9.
11	signature. The other documents do not contain Mr. Short's	11 (Whereupon, the document that was referred to as Exhibit
12	signature, and I will object to the use of all these documents	12 Number 9 was marked for identification.)
13	for the record.	13 BY MS. FIELDS:
14	I'd also like the record to reflect that on the	14 Q. Exhibit Number 9, if you would take a look at that,
15	fifth page of the document it says I, George A. Short. Mr.	15 please, the first page. Do you recognize that document, the
16	Short did not sign this. It says that it's requesting two	16 first page?
17	days to respond and there's no signature on this page by Mr.	17 A. Yes, uh-huh.
18	Short. This is the page that counsel has labeled -- opposing	18 Q. And what is this?
19	counsel has labeled page number 5.	19 A. It's a leave request.
20	MS. FIELDS: What was my pending question?	20 Q. And is this your leave request?
21	REPORTER: I'm sorry?	21 A. Yes.
22	MS. FIELDS: What was my pending question, if you	22 Q. And the handwriting on it, do you recognize the
23	could?	23 handwriting?
24	(OFF THE RECORD)	24 A. Yes.
25	(ON THE RECORD)	25 Q. Whose handwriting is on it?

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1 A. It's mine.
 2 Q. Okay. And the second page, do you recognize that
 3 document?
 4 A. Yes.
 5 Q. Okay. What is that?
 6 A. Wait a minute, wait a minute. No, I never seen this
 7 before.
 8 Q. You've never seen the second page?
 9 A. No.
 10 Q. But the first page you recognize?
 11 A. Right.
 12 Q. Okay. So the first page is a request for leave or
 13 approved absence --
 14 A. Right.
 15 Q. -- and it's signed by you, is that correct?
 16 A. Yes.
 17 Q. And it's dated June the 17th, 2002?
 18 A. Yes.
 19 Q. Okay. And it's a request for leave on June the
 20 29th, is that correct?
 21 A. Yes.
 22 Q. From 3 p.m. to 11 p.m.?
 23 A. Yes.
 24 Q. Is that your duty time, 3 p.m. to 11 p.m.?
 25 A. Yes.

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1 that you called into your office on June the 29th and
 2 requested leave. Did that occur?
 3 A. Yes.
 4 Q. Okay. And the reason that you requested leave, it
 5 indicates, was personal. It says you requested EA, leave
 6 denied. Do you know what EA could be?
 7 A. Emergency annual.
 8 Q. Did you request emergency annual leave on the 29th?
 9 Did you talk to Lieutenant Thomas on that day?
 10 A. I'm not sure. No, I didn't talk to Lieutenant
 11 Thomas, no.
 12 Q. Who did you talk to?
 13 A. I'm not sure who the person that took the -- this
 14 should have been filled out by the person that took the call.
 15 Q. The Report of Absence is normally filled out by the
 16 person who took the call?
 17 A. Yes.
 18 Q. Okay. But you don't think it was Lieutenant --
 19 A. No.
 20 Q. Is this Lieutenant Art Thomas written down there?
 21 A. Yes, uh-huh, yeah.
 22 Q. But you don't think he was the person who took the
 23 call?
 24 A. No.
 25 Q. Okay. What do you remember telling the person who

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1 Q. And it says Remarks, wedding, family.
 2 A. Yes.
 3 Q. And so were you going to a wedding or were you
 4 planning to go to a wedding?
 5 A. Yes, uh-huh.
 6 Q. Whose wedding?
 7 A. It was a friend of my wife's.
 8 Q. Who's that?
 9 A. I don't know this person. It's a coworker of hers.
 10 Q. Coworker of your wife?
 11 A. I don't know them personally.
 12 Q. You don't know the people personally?
 13 A. No, no.
 14 Q. Do you know their name?
 15 A. I don't remember their name.
 16 Q. Where was the wedding?
 17 A. I think it was -- I'm not sure. It was supposed to
 18 have been in Baltimore, I believe. I'm not sure.
 19 Q. You have wedding, family. Why did you write family
 20 there?
 21 A. Well, when I put family on there, but they wasn't
 22 family.
 23 Q. Okay. Did you go to the wedding?
 24 A. No.
 25 Q. Now page 2, which you don't recognize, indicates

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1 took the call?
 2 A. I need the emergency annual.
 3 Q. Did you tell them what it was for?
 4 A. Yeah. Well, yes. When you get emergency annual,
 5 you have to give --
 6 Q. When you called in --
 7 A. They don't have my --
 8 Q. When they called in [sic], did you tell them why you
 9 needed emergency annual leave? And what did you tell the
 10 person?
 11 A. I don't -- no -- yes.
 12 Q. And what did you tell the person?
 13 A. I'm trying to recall who was CDO at the time.
 14 Q. I'm sorry. What's CEO mean?
 15 A. CDO.
 16 Q. What does CDO mean?
 17 A. The person that's in charge of the office because we
 18 had regular guys there and --
 19 (OFF THE RECORD)
 20 (ON THE RECORD)
 21 WITNESS: I told him that I had to -- that I was
 22 ill, and that I would be going to the doctor for the illness,
 23 you know.
 24 BY MS. FIELDS:
 25 Q. On the 29th?